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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO/SB/08a together with the references as stated in the specification and/or as cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- DE 100 23 602 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification and has been further cited in the International Search Report under Category A as being relevant to International claim
- 1. The reference discloses a spherical sleeve joint. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- EP 0 617 260 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification and has been further cited in the International Search Report under Category A as being relevant to International claim
- 1. The reference discloses a level sensor for a vehicle. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
 - DE 101 10 738 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification. No translation is available

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- EP 1 001 179 discloses a ball-pin for a pivotal connection of two elements. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

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PTO/SB/08a Form

copy of International Search Report

copies of (4) References and (4) English Abstracts

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